

BE SLOW TO SPEAK.

Good men and women are often tempted to speak or write hard things of their neighbors. Those who have grace enough will steadily resist this temptation, but the worldly will often yield to it unless restrained by policy. When a Christian has been wronged he should remember the counsel of St. James: "Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." If at any time one should, in a sudden fit of passion write a scathing letter, he should not mail it at once, but keep it two or three days. It will be well to withhold it until after the Sabbath. Perhaps after the hallowed influences of the holy day have come upon him, he will not send the letter. Many a letter has been written under a spell of wrath, and sent in haste, which would never have gone if the author had delayed for a day. His wrath would have cooled; his judgment would have time to act; his conscience would have been heard from; his memory would have called up the wholesome counsels of the Word of God. He would have spared himself and others much pain and trouble.—*The Christian Advocate.*

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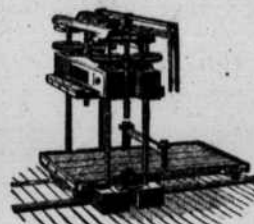
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